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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Commissioner:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with the provisions in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure §§ 609 and 707.05(b), enclosed is FORM PTO-1449 listing the references that are known to Applicant. Copies of the listed references are enclosed. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits.

The relevance of each of the non-English references is as follows:

- 1) The relevance of Japanese Patent No. 57004914 can be found in its attached English Language abstract;
- 2) The relevance of Japanese Patent No. 59104556 can be found in its attached English translation;
- 3) The relevance of European Patent No. 0149197 can be found in its counterpart Canadian Patent No. 1,222,697;
- 4) The relevance of Japanese Patent No. 4264020 can be found in its attached English Language abstract; and
- 5) The relevance of Japanese Patent No. 7069887 can be found in its attached English Language abstract.

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It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered in the examination of this application and identified on the list of references cited on the patent issuing for this application. Applicant also requests that an initialed copy of FORM PTO-1449 be entered in the application file and returned to Applicant with the next communication from the Office in accordance with MPEP § 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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